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Letter No - 107182 - D.I/52-3

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THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

P.O. BOX NO. 116, MANGALORE-1 (S. INDIA)

TELEGRAMS: "CHAMBER"
TELEPHONE: 2628

Date 19th September 1952.

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub: New Building under construction for the Karnataka Polytechnic at Mangalore.

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We are pleased to learn that the New Building of the Karnataka Polytechnic at Mangalore, which is now under construction and nearing completion, will have a Clock Tower and that the work relating to the same is due to be taken up very soon.

As you are aware, this Building is situated on the hill area in Mangalore and the Clock Tower, when constructed, will be the highest point in and around the Mangalore City.

The construction of the New Building is designed without a balcony. The citizens feel that the Building, located as it is, on a hill top and involving as it does, a large amount of expenditure, should, in the fitness of things, provide a proper place on its top, from where, could be had the City's view and that of the surroundings. That the present scheme of construction lacks in this respect is indeed a notable omission.

It is the desire of the public of Mangalore that the Government should deem it appropriate and necessary to have a balcony for the Clock Tower proposed to be constructed so as to make the Building impressive and worthy of the site proposed for its location. The public have desired the Chamber to convey this to you and we feel that the desire of the public of having a balcony accordingly is worth considering favourably.

We therefore request that the above proposal may kindly be taken up for consideration immediately and orders passed as soon as possible, and before it is too late to take up construction of the same.

We shall be glad to have your reply in the matter at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
for [illegible]

M Manchanda Secretary

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Copy to:-

The Director of Industries & Commerce, Madras.

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Dear. D. I

Memorandum No. 107182 - D. I 52 -
dt 25-9-52

Sub:- Industries - Buildings - Construction of new buildings for the Karnataka Polytechnic, Mangalore - Provision of a balcony for the clock tower - Suggestion of the Kanara Chamber of Commerce

Ref:- Letter dated 19-9-52 from the Hony. Secretary the Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore

The attention of the D.I.C. is invited to the letter cited above, a copy of which has been sent to him direct, and he is requested to offer his remarks in the matter

To
The D.I.C

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Department of Industries & Commerce.

From

The Director of Industries and Commerce,
'Mackays Garden',
M a d r a s - 6.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St.George,
M a d r a s - 9.

No.2303/M/52 dated 20-10-52.

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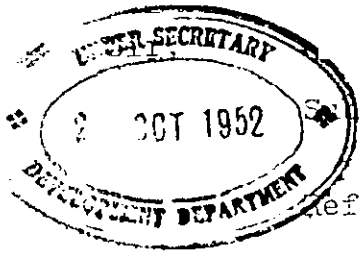

Sub:-Industries - Buildings -Karnataka Polytechnic, Mangalore - regarding provision of balcony to the clock tower.

Ref:-Government Memorandum No.107182-DT/52 dated 25-9-52.

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The Joint Consulting Architect who was consulted in regard to the advisability of having a balcony for the Clock Tower on the main building under construction has informed that it is not possible or desirable to have a balcony for the reasons mentioned in his letter No.805/52 dated 14-10-52. I enclose a copy of letter under reference and submit that I fully agree with the Joint Consulting Architect.

for Director of Industries and Commerce.

Sam/20-10-52.
Encl: One.

Copy of letter No.805/52 dated 14-10-52 from the Joint Consulting Architect to Government, Madras-5 addressed to the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras.6.

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Sir,

Sub:-KARNATAKA POLYTECHNIC - MANGALORE - provision of balcony in clock tower.
Ref:-Your letter No.2303/M/52 dated 10th October 1952.

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With reference to your letter cited above, I write to inform you that it is not possible or desirable to have a balcony for the following reasons:

(a) Except in the front, the tiled roof butts against the tower faces on the other three sides at about the level where the balcony could be provided.

(b) If the Balcony is to be really effective it must run all round the tower but such provisions will mar the features of the elevation. Further to hava a good view of the surrounding areas, the height is not enough, however much the building is situated on the top of the hill. The height of the clock tower will have to be increased, which will in turn throw its weight on the foundations which would not have been designed for this contingency.

I am inclined to think that there has been a wrong notion about the provisions of clock tower. The main object is to afford the public as well as the students the use of clock to reckon the time and not for the purpose as envisaged by the Chamber of Commerce

This building is purely an educational institution having admittance to the staff and students and not a public building in the sense that access is freely available to members of public as in the Courts or.Municipal offices etc.,

Except the Light House Tower in the High Court Buildings in Madras, the other clock towers as in Ripon buildings, Central Station, Presidency College etc., do not admit the public into the tower for sight seeing. If sight seeing is the real objective I think, the fittest thing will be to erect a memorial by public subscription and providing all the needs therefor.

p.t.o.

To convert an education institution into a place of public resort for sight seeing, will not only disturb the working of the institution but the safety and working of the clock mechanism will be in danger.-

I believe you will agree with my views and if so, Government may be informed accordingly.

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Joint Consulting Architect
to Government.

/True copy/

Dev. D.I

Letter No. 107182 - D. I/52-3 dt 29-10-52

To the Hon. Secretary,
the Kanara Chamber of Commerce,
P.O. Box No. 116, Mangalore-1

Sir,

S. Kanara -

Sub:- Provision of a balcony to the clock tower on the new buildings of the Karnataka Polytechnic at Mangalore

Ref:- your letter dated 19th Sept 1952

I am directed to state that Govt. have examined the suggestion contained in your letter cited above in consultation with their technical experts and they consider that it is neither possible nor desirable to have a balcony for the clock tower on the new buildings of the Karnataka Polytechnic at Mangalore

J. M. L -
Secy to Govt

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Copy to the D/DC with ref to his letter No. 2303 M/52 dated 20-10-52.
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Note

The letter from the Hony. Secretary the Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore at ft'1 of may be perused. The D.I.C was consulted in the matter and attention is invited to his reply at ft 5 of and the remarks of the Joint Consulting Architect at ft 7-8 of. In the circumstances stated by the D.I.C, the Hony. Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce may be informed that Govt. consider it neither possible nor desirable to have a balcony for the clock tower. Subject to orders, the draft letter at ft 1. above is submitted for approval

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